

**Approved Minutes
Timber Advisory Committee
April 28, 2011 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by David J. Gau, Chairman, at 9:30 a.m., Room 1013, State Board of Equalization (BOE), 160 Promenade Circle, Sacramento, California, with the following in attendance. A quorum was present

**TIMBER ADVISORY
COMMITTEE (TAC) MEMBER**

REPRESENTING

David J. Gau, Chairman
Sue Ranochak
Mike Mallory
Leslie Morgan
Mari Wilson
George Belden
Marty Olhiser

BOE
Assessor, Mendocino County
Assessor, Siskiyou County
Assessor, Shasta County
Assessor, Humboldt County
Small-Scale Timber Owners
Large-Scale Timber Owners

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

REPRESENTING

Dean Kinnee
Benjamin Tang
George Felix
Peter Murphy
Mike Doyich
Art Tenneson
Angela Wong
David Yeung
Carole Ruwart
Tim Treichelt

BOE, County-Assessed Properties (CAPD)
BOE, CAPD, Timber Tax Section
BOE, State-Assessed Properties Division
BOE, Legal
BOE, Vice Chair Steel

1. The oath of office was administered by Mr. Randy Ferris to the Committee members present.
2. Marty Olhiser nominated Mike Mallory as the Vice-Chair/Secretary of the Timber Advisory Committee (TAC). Susan Ranochak seconded the nomination. The nomination passed without objection.
3. Approval of the November 4, 2010 Meeting Minutes.

Marty Olhiser made a motion to approve the minutes from November 4, 2010. Mike Mallory seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

4. Harvest Value Tables G and S. Discussion for Period of July 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011.

- a. Peter Murphy explained the market by showing a graph of harvested timber, and he talked about how export sales to China are affecting timber values in California. The Chairman asked Mr. Murphy to explain how the index affected values. Mr. Murphy gave detailed information on developing the index and applying the index to older sales.

Mike Mallory made a motion to approve Table G & S, and Leslie Morgan seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

- b. Peter Murphy addressed changes in Pole and SSM values in Table 1.

George Belden made a motion to approve Table 1. Marty Olhiser seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

5. Other Business

- a. Peter Murphy noted that the new Timber Value Areas became effective on January 1, 2011, and while some taxpayers were unaware of the changes, things went smoothly overall.
- b. George Belden inquired if the small total volume adjustment could be changed from 300M to 400M, since it is not economical to log 300M in light of current THP costs. Peter Murphy explained that the threshold is based on historical information, but that Timber Tax Section staff would look into Mr. Beldon's concerns.
- c. Mike Mallory asked how the new Timber Tax program is working. George Felix explained the mainframe changes, and stated that the 1Q 2011 return numbers are fine. Mr. Felix stated that a couple of bugs were identified and fixed.

6. New Business

- a. New TAC Meeting

The date for the next TAC meeting was tentatively set for November 1, 2011.

7. Adjournment

David J. Gau adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.